

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 46 and 47 are now pending in the application, with claims 1, 46 and 47 being the independent claims. Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-22, 46 and 47 are allowed. Applicant continues to believe that claim 48 also should have been allowed. However, in order to obtain early issuance of this patent Applicant has canceled claim 48 above. Accordingly, the entire application should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicant also respectfully requests entry of the revisions to the Abstract that are set forth above. The revised Abstract is believed to better convey the nature and gist of the claims and the technical disclosure of the Specification.

In addition, as the present case now should be in condition for allowance, Applicant suggests that Figure 1 be printed on the cover sheet of the issued patent. Specifically, it is believed that Figure 1 conveys the nature of the invention better than any other single drawing in the Specification. However, should the Examiner disagree, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at 310-312-3188 to discuss the matter.

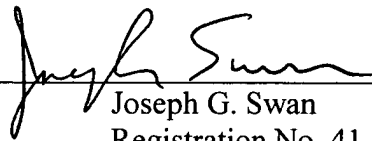
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